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SUBJECT: DUBLIN EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING; ORTOLI AND
FITZGERALD REPORT TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. IN REPORTING ON THE RESULTS OF THE DUBLIN EUROPEAN COUNCIL
(EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT) TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON MARCH 12,
BOTH EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT FITZGERALD AND EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT
ORTOLI CHARACTERIZED IT AS A SUCCESS, ESPECIALLY WITH
RESPECT TO THE MAIN ORDER OF BUSINESS, THE UK
RENEGOTIATION ISSUE. ACCORDING TO FITZGERALD, A SOLUTION
SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH THE UK AND THE COMMUNITY
WAS FOUND FOR BOTH THE EC BUDGETARY CORRECTIVE MECHANISM AND
THE NEW ZEALAND DAIRY PRODUCTS ISSUES. HE SAID AS FAR AS THE
COMMUNITY WAS CONCERNED, THE DUBLIN AGREEMENTS SHOULD PUT AN
END TO THE RENEGOTIATION ISSUE. IT WAS NOW A PROBLEM FOR THE UK
TO RESOLVE AND HE PERSONALLY HOPED IT WOULD CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN
THE COMMUNITIES.

2. ON ENERGY, FITZGERALD SAID THE NINE HAD DECIDED TO ESTABLISH
A HIGH-LEVEL AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ANALYZE THE ISSUES TO BE DEALT
WITH AT BOTH THE PREPARATORY MEETING AND AT THE CONSUMER/
PRODUCER CONFERENCE ITSELF. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE A BODY OF THE
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COUNCIL AND WILL EXAMINE RECOMMENDATIONS PUT TO IT BY THE

COMMISSION AND THE MEMBER STATES.

3. FITZGERALD SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD EXAMINE NOT ONLY ENERGY QUESTIONS NARROWLY DEFINED, BUT ALSO RELATED ISSUES SUCH AS THOSE OF A FINANCIAL NATURE. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER MEETING OF THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE NINE TO REVIEW PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN JULY.

4. ORTOLI SAID HE HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED THAT DURING THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING AT DUBLIN THE ROLE OF THE COMMISSION HAD BEEN RESPECTED. HE SAID IT WAS NOW CLEAR THAT THE MEETING, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, HAD TAKEN PLACE FULLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMUNITY AND HE APPLAUDED THIS DEVELOPMENT.
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